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# Lawyer Here Is Indicted As Agent for Trujillo

John Joseph Frank, a 42-year-old Washington attorney, who at one time worked for the FBI and the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, was indicted here yesterday by a Federal grand jury on charges of illegally acting as an agent for Generalissimo Trujillo and the Dominican Republic.

The four-count indictment charged the lean, stony-faced lawyer, a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School, with acting as an agent for a foreign power without registering with the Justice Department, a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

It was issued by a District Court grand jury, which allegedly is probing the mysterious disappearances last year of Jesus de Galindez, a Columbia University professor and outspoken political enemy of the generalissimo, dictator of the Dominican Republic, and Gerald L. Murphy, a 23-year-old American pilot.

The professor, 42, vanished one night in March, 1956, after leaving his classroom at the university in New York City. The pilot, an employee of a Dominican Republic airline, has not been seen since last December 3 in Ciudad Trujillo, where at least one account pictured him as boasting loudly that he knew the details of the professor's disappearance.

## Arrested by FBI

Frank, who agents said lives at 7608 Columbia pike, Alexandria, and used to have offices in the 800 block of Fifteenth street N.W., was arrested by three agents of the FBI as he walked with his attorney, Edward L. Carey, at Seventeenth and I streets N.W. about 4 p.m. It was just two months ago, on March 12, that he had appeared before the grand jury.

Two of the four counts charged Frank, "also known as John Kane," with agreeing to act as an agent and "solicited and ac-

cepted compensation" and "disbursed and dispensed money" from and for the Dominican Republic and "has unlawfully and wilfully failed to file (as an agent of a foreign principal) with the Attorney General. . . ."

The other two charge "he acted within the United States . . ." and "within the District of Columbia and elsewhere . . ." as an agent for Trujillo and "solicited and accepted compensation from" the generalissimo.

The grand jury charged he had been in the business for three years, since May, 1954.

## Pleads Not Guilty

Frank was arraigned at 5:45 p.m., before District Court Judge Richmond B. Keech. He entered a plea of not guilty. No trial date was set.

The arraignment was sparked by a vigorous dispute concerning bond, which the judge finally set at \$10,000. It was posted shortly thereafter, and Frank left the courthouse with Mr. Carey and a second attorney.

Nathan B. Lenvin, a Justice Department attorney in charge of the grand jury investigation, had asked Judge Keech to set the bond at \$25,000 on grounds that the case "has international ramifications" and that Frank might "flee the country."

"The Government knows," he declared, "that the accused has made frequent trips" to New York, Florida and the Dominican Republic and may want to do so again.

Mr. Carey replied that as a former FBI agent and as a member of the District Bar Associa-



**JOHN JOSEPH FRANK  
Indicted**

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tion, Frank is "the most faithful client I have ever had, and he'll show up anytime anywhere he is wanted."

## No Comment

Outside the courtroom, Frank referred all questions by reporters to his attorney. Mr. Carey said "no comment, no comment at all."

The FBI said Frank, tall and ruddy, is a native of New Britain, Conn. He obtained his first diploma at Georgetown in 1938 and his law degree in 1941.

He joined the Justice Department on July 7, 1941, and served as a special agent through May 13, 1949. He then served as an

attorney with CIA and in 1953 left Government service and went into private practice, the department said.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in announcing Frank's arrest, said the bureau investigation revealed that the accused had been acting as an unregistered "attorney" for Trujillo and the Dominican Republic since "mid-1954."

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